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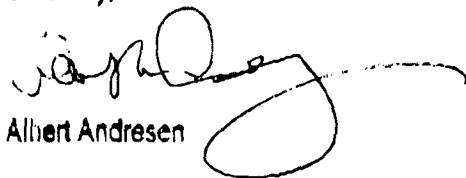
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Extending litigation in the Microsoft antitrust case would be a mistake. A settlement has been reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department. Our Justice Department should continue to support this settlement.

Certain special interests would like to see the case continue. The continuation of this case, however, will benefit no one but some special interests. The settlement is fair and balanced. It will create more openness in the technology industry. It allows competitors unprecedented access to Microsoft code. In addition to the code openness, Microsoft has agreed to submit to a three person, government appointed technical oversight committee who will ensure that Microsoft is complying with the terms of the agreement.

Unquestionably the Microsoft antitrust case should be settled. Despite the wishes of some special interests to continue with this case, it is time for this costly and time-consuming case to end. Attorney General Ashcroft, please continue your outstanding support for the settlement.

Sincerely,



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